

Maryland Historical Trust
State Historic Sites Inventory Form

MARYLAND INVENTORY OF
HISTORIC PROPERTIES

Survey No. B-4351

Magi No.

DOE. ☐ yes ☐ no

1. Name (indicate preferred name)

historic 330-336 North Howard Street

and/or common Sizes Unlimited

2. Location

street & number 330-336 N. Howard Street ☐ not for publication

city, town Baltimore ☐ vicinity of ☐ congressional district ~~seventh~~

state Maryland ☐ county Baltimore

3. Classification

Category	Ownership	Status	Present Use
<input type="checkbox"/> district	<input type="checkbox"/> public	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> occupied	<input type="checkbox"/> agriculture <input type="checkbox"/> museum
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> building(s)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> private	<input type="checkbox"/> unoccupied	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> commercial <input type="checkbox"/> park
<input type="checkbox"/> structure	<input type="checkbox"/> both	<input type="checkbox"/> work in progress	<input type="checkbox"/> educational <input type="checkbox"/> private residence
<input type="checkbox"/> site	Public Acquisition	Accessible	<input type="checkbox"/> entertainment <input type="checkbox"/> religious
<input type="checkbox"/> object	<input type="checkbox"/> in process	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> yes: restricted	<input type="checkbox"/> government <input type="checkbox"/> scientific
	<input type="checkbox"/> being considered	<input type="checkbox"/> yes: unrestricted	<input type="checkbox"/> industrial <input type="checkbox"/> transportation
	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> not applicable	<input type="checkbox"/> no	<input type="checkbox"/> military <input type="checkbox"/> other:

4. Owner of Property (give names and mailing addresses of all owners)

name Mercantile S.D. & Tr. Co.

street & number 2 Hopkins Place

city, town Baltimore ☐ state and zip code telephone no. MD 21201

5. Location of Legal Description

courthouse, registry of deeds, etc. Baltimore City Courthouse ☐ liber

street & number 100 N. Calvert Street ☐ folio

city, town Baltimore ☐ state MD

6. Representation in Existing Historical Surveys

title

date ☐ federal ☐ state ☐ county ☐ local

depository for survey records

city, town ☐ state

7. Description

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Condition

☐ excellent
☒ good
☐ fair

☐ deteriorated
☐ ruins
☐ unexposed

Check one

☒ unaltered
☐ altered

Check one

☒ original site
☐ moved date of move _____

Prepare both a summary paragraph and a general description of the resource and its various elements as it exists today.

Resource Count: 1

This circa 1960s commercial building sits on the southwest corner of N. Howard and W. Mulberry Streets. The blocky, brick stretcher bond building has display windows on the first story and blank walls above. It is five bays wide and three stories high. The Howard Street frontage is 77' and the Mulberry Street frontage is 120'.

The first story facade is divided into five bays of large plate glass display windows that run floor to ceiling. The windows are set into metal surrounds and have metal mutins. The entrance is in the third bay. It is composed of two glass doors with a fixed transom and flanking sidelights. The entrance is shielded by an original concrete awning that has an upward flattened "U" profile. The awning is cantilevered over the entrance by steel beams.

The upper stories are completely blank. A brick seam runs up the middle of the stretcher bond facade. A store sign is attached to the wall and a fabric banner proclaims "Large Size Fashions."

The roof is flat and without a cornice. A roof mechanical shed is visible. Two flag poles extend over the street from the roof.

The north wall faces Mulberry Street. Brick seams divide the wall into four sections. The first bay nearest the corner contains a display window on each of the three stories. The remaining bays are blank.

The back (west) wall faces the alley (State Street). It is blank except for a loading dock centered on the first story.

The interior of the first floor is a wide open space with two rows of three concrete pillars supporting the upper story. An elevator bank runs up the middle of the back wall. The interior is finished in wall board and acoustical tile ceiling.

8. Significance

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Period	Areas of Significance—Check and justify below			
<input type="checkbox"/> prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> archeology-prehistoric	<input type="checkbox"/> community planning	<input type="checkbox"/> landscape architecture	<input type="checkbox"/> religion
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> art	<input type="checkbox"/> engineering	<input type="checkbox"/> music	<input type="checkbox"/> humanitarian
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		<input type="checkbox"/> invention		<input type="checkbox"/> other (specify)

Specific dates _____ Builder/Architect unknown

check: Applicable Criteria: ☐ A ☐ B ☒ C ☐ D
and/or

Applicable Exception: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ C ☐ D ☐ E ☐ F ☐ G

Level of Significance: ☐ national ☐ state ☒ local

Prepare both a summary paragraph of significance and a general statement of history and support.

This building replaces an earlier set of buildings on the site. Hence, the building's significance must be seen in terms of its 20th-century form and its implications for the Howard Street commercial district. The fact that the building was built anew indicates that the neighborhood had some commercial vitality that would make the effort worth while. The new construction is clearly commercial, and not residential or manufacturing, in intent. Thus the transformation of the early nineteenth-century mixed residential-commercial district to the late nineteenth-century commercial-manufacturing district to the twentieth-century retail district is complete.

The architectural details attest to modern design and cost effective sensibilities. The blank facade above the first story, composed of brick panels, is an example of low-budget commercial architecture during the post-World War II period. The upper stories no longer needed windows for light or ventilation due to improvements in mechanical and electrical systems. Moreover the aesthetic of a windowed facade was no longer desired, and instead something more "modern" was implemented. Another difference from Victorian commercial buildings can be seen in the front entrance. Whereas in a Victorian building, such as the one across the street at 400 North Howard Street, a clipped corner would take advantage of the corner location, in this case the entrance faces Howard Street and is flush with the glass first-story facade. The lack of windows on the upper stories further attests to the changing function of upstairs; this is clearly not an office space.

9. Major Bibliographical References

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10. Geographical Data

Acreage of nominated property _____

Quadrangle name Baltimore East Quad

Quadrangle scale _____

UTM References do NOT complete UTM references

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Verbal boundary description and justification

List all states and counties for properties overlapping state or county boundaries

state	code	county	code
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11. Form Prepared By

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CROWNSVILLE, MD 21032-2023
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COMPREHENSIVE PLAN DATA

HISTORIC CONTEXT:

Geographic Organization:
Piedmont

Chronological/Developmental Period:
Modern Period, 1930-present

Historic Period Themes:
Architecture
Economics

Resource Type:
Building

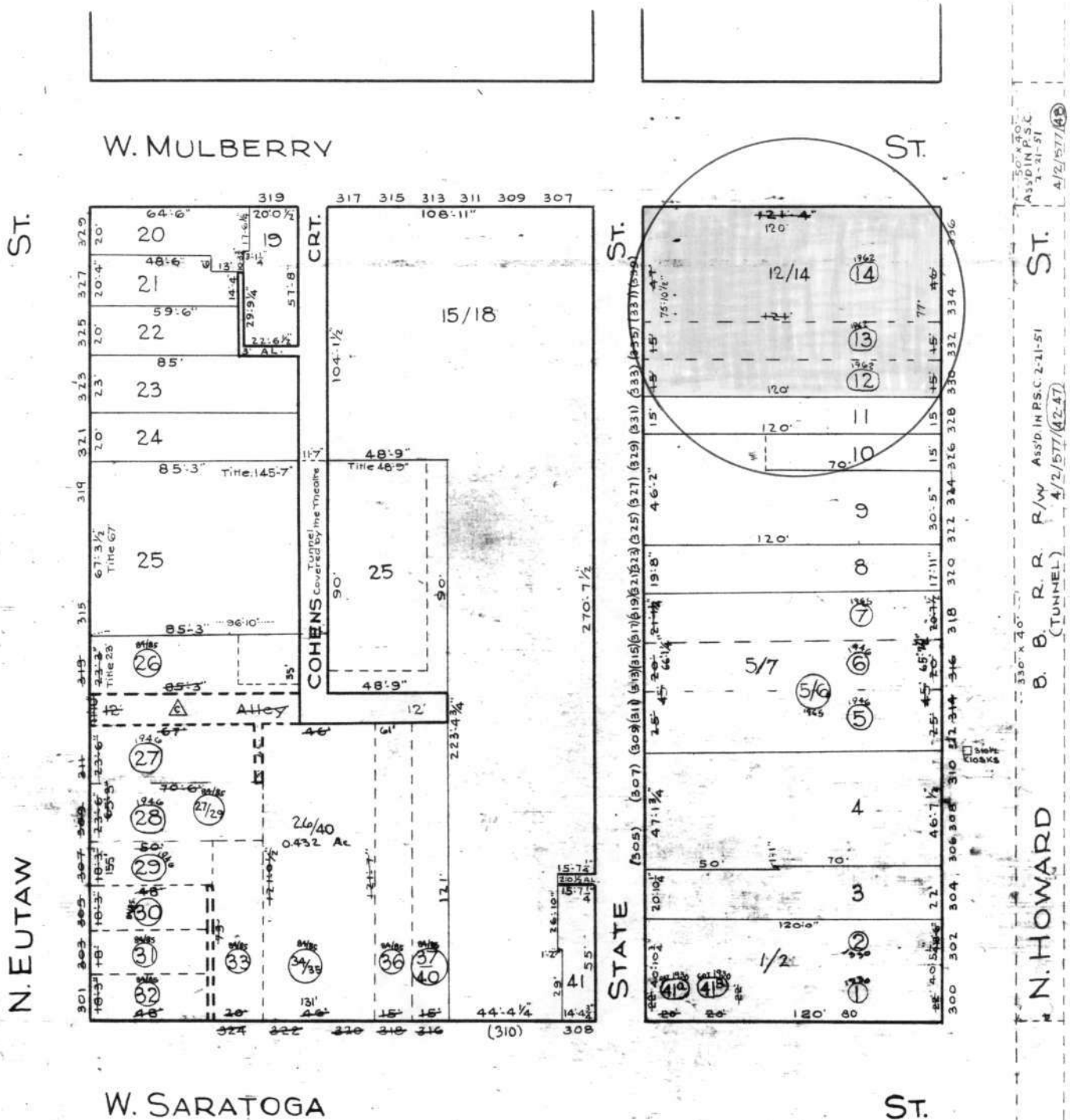
Historic Environment:
Urban

Historic Function and Use:
Commercial

Known Design Source:
None

REVISIONS

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ots 42/47, 48, Assd. in P.S.C., Per BofA, C. Sh. 5278.
ots 12, 13, 14 CONG. P. PER APP. C. Sh. 8830
ots 516/628 CONG. P. PER APP. C. Sh. 9440
OT 26 THRU 37/40 CONG. P. PER RFS M & FIELD CSH 85-203



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FOR UNDER ARTICLE 764 OF THE CITY CHARTER.
IT IS COMPILED FROM TITLE AND OTHER

CITY OF BALTIMORE
DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS
BUREAU OF PLANS & SPECIFICATIONS
PROPERTY LOCATION

AGED BY C. H. BAIN

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TERED BY JOS J. KOKAKU

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BLOCK 5



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Facade, NE elevation

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8/91

Maryland SHPO

Facade, east elevation

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